



## Fire Destroys Stevens Home At Waters

The house occupied by the late Henry (Tom) Stevens at Waters was destroyed by fire last Sunday. The house was owned by the Heart Lake club and is well known because of the bottle fence in front of it.

The bottles, consisting of fine wine and liquor bottles, were embedded in the fence which was in reality a work of art in masonry. Also in the front yard were two large urns. These too were studded with liquor bottles, the bottom ends protruding in systematic arrangement.

The basement, or raskeller as it was called, had its walls lined with the tops of beer bottles, many coming from foreign countries. There were caps from just about every brewery in the whole world.

These famous pieces of masonry were constructed about a quarter century ago, at the time when Tom Stevens was revelling in baseball. He had a team of professional players of whom there were few better outside of the major league teams. Among the players on the "Otsego" as the team was called, were George Mullin, Jean Dubuc and Eddie Killian, formerly of the Detroit Tigers; Frank Bowerman, formerly catcher with the New York Yankees, and other major league players. The inspiration for this crack ball team was to beat Grayling. Here too we had a great ball team, and until Tom had loaded up to the muzzle with star players, Grayling home town players were able to take the scalps of the Otsego on most occasions. The Stevens team barnstormed the state, meeting some of the best teams other cities could offer, including a game with the Detroit Tigers.

The huge barn at Waters also was a pet baby of Stevens. He decided that he wanted to have the biggest barn in Michigan. And we guess he did. At least it is a huge affair and is now used by the Heart Lake club for a club house.

Stevens wrote three books on South American travels. They were beautifully illustrated and printed on heavy enamel paper. The reading matter, hardly in keeping with the book itself, told of some of the experiences of the author, some of which were hardly fit to print. This was especially true of his first edition which came out just prior to when Stevens aspired to become a member of the board of regents of the University of Michigan. The sentiment of this first edition was nothing to inspire confidence in the author enough to want him on the governing board of the U. of M. The Detroit News was especially active in revealing to the public the type of man Stevens appeared to be.

After leaving Waters Stevens went to Gross Point to reside. Here he died during the prohibition period. His appetite for liquor, according to stories reaching Grayling people, probably was largely instrumental in his early demise.

He was a graduate of Harvard University and of the Hiedelburg University in Germany. He spent much time abroad and had friends in many countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Kennedy have been caretakers of the property for some time and were unfortunate to lose all their household furniture and clothes.

## Grange Notes

The bake sale and pancake supper put on by the members added a nice sum to the building fund. We want to thank all who donated for the sale.

In the Bird House contest Stanley Mathewson placed first; Johannes Jorgenson second, and David Babbitt third.

Members who have children of juvenile age owe it to themselves and the children to attend the next meeting April 6, and see what children can do, as the juvenile degree team from Lakeview Grange will be present with their matron, Mrs. Gladys Fox, to help organize the Crawford Juvenile Grange. Anyone is welcome to come and see the work put on by those children, whether a member or not. Mrs. DeLaMater will be here to instruct the children and get them in working order. Meeting will be called at 8 sharp, April 6th. Don't forget the date, time and place. A good turnout is desired as this is a worthwhile project for the children of Crawford county. Pot luck lunch will follow the business meeting which will be held after the juvenile work is done.

## PAY RATES FIXED FOR FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS

Pay rates for forest fire fighters this summer in Michigan will be 25 cents an hour for imprecise labor and 30 cents an hour for keymen, the same as in 1939.

Keymen are trained, strategically located residents who are on call during the fire season. They are paid only for the time actually spent fighting fires.

## In Justice Court

Lee Charles Munger, 44, of West Branch came into Justice Hans Petersen's court Monday and pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication. He was arrested by state police on U. S. 27 in Beaver Creek township.

Munger said he was with some friends and took a couple of drinks from their bottle. He was not the driver of the car and said he didn't see that he was doing any harm. He stated to the officers that he had been arrested for drunk driving on two former occasions, and also that he had been arrested for being drunk. He said that he had just been divorced from his wife. He is employed on the PWA and that if he had to serve time in jail that he would lose his job. \$5.00 and costs or 10 days in jail was the sentence imposed.

Percy Benson, 25, of Turrer, was in court for driving a car without a valid license. He also had failed to stop at a stop street at the corner of Michigan avenue and U. S. 27. Sentence was suspended except that of paying the court costs. He admitted that he had had no operators license since securing one in 1929. Benson was a fine looking chap but had no education, having left school in the 2nd grade. He was a well griller by trade. In these days of compulsory education it is hard to understand how a normal boy could be deprived of at least a common school education.

Richard W. Hartin failed to heed two separate warnings to see that his auto was provided with a taillight. Saturday night he was arrested for violation of this traffic law. He was with a party of others and was on his way to a tavern in Roscommon to get some beer. Asked why he didn't buy his beer in Grayling he said he didn't like the places here.

## Kiwanis Hears Boy Scout Executive

Mr. Ed. Price of Midland, executive of the Midland Boy Scout council, was the Kiwanis speaker last week Wednesday. Herbert Rowland made a report on the activities of the local scout troop, of which he is the scout master. The Grayling troop is a member of the Summer Trails Council membership in which costs Grayling citizens \$300 per year. Mr. Price was principally interested in keeping up this membership. Considerable discussion arose over the point whether or not the assistance from the executive field man was worth the cost. Some felt that while the same amount of money be raised that the larger part of it should remain in Grayling and used for the local troop. That seemed to be the predominant sentiment among the members of the Kiwanis club.

The meeting this week has been changed to tonight (Thursday) when the members will meet with Gaylord club, in an interclub visit. The travelling gavel, that has been in possession of the local club since being brought here from Traverse City, will be turned over to the Gaylord club.

## SPONSOR SUNRISE BREAKFAST

The Sunrise breakfast brought out a happy throng to the banquet room of Michelson Memorial church at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning. This was sponsored by the young people of the church and was a very successful and lovely affair. Even with Jack Frost fixing the temperature at 12 below zero, many braved the weather and were on hand at the early hour.

The breakfast tables were arranged to form a cross and were decorated in gold and purple. At the head of the cross was another cross against a purple background, and at the center of it were rays giving the effect of a sunrise. Easter favors of green nests filled with tiny candy Easter eggs were found at each place. Mrs. T. P. Peterson and a group of ladies of the church served the deliciously prepared menu.

The program followed, opening with reveille, sounded on a cornet by Allyn Maxwell, his brother giving the echo on his trumpet. The entire group then joined in singing "Christ is Risen," following which Allyn Maxwell rendered a cornet solo, "While Mother Nature Sings Her Lullaby." Wanda Ruth Doroh delighted the assemblage with her vocal solo "My Prayer," after which Steve Maxwell played "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise." Closing the program, Rev. H. W. Kuhlman had a nice Easter message for the group of 55 people.

The chairman of the various committees included Betty Michelson, decorations; Virginia Peterson and Don Gohro, program; Ruth Burrows, planning the menu; Mary Jane Joseph, publicity. And these young folk together with their helpers were responsible for the very lovely affair to herald in Easter.

## Speakers At Taft Memorial Highway Banquet



Among speakers on the banquet program of the tenth annual winter convention of the Taft Memorial Highway, held recently at Lakeland, Florida were, left to right, "Birdie" Tebbetts, catcher for the Detroit Tigers, whose home is at Grayling, Michigan, on the Taft Highway; Murray D. (Pat) Van Wagoner, Michigan State Highway Commissioner and president of the American Road Builders Association; R. E. Olds, of Lansing, Michigan, pioneer automobile inventor and builder and president of the Taft Highway Association and Mayor Ira C. Hopper, of Lakeland.

The banquet session was attended by more than 100 members of the Association from Canada, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

Dr. C. R. Keyport of Grayling was also present at the meeting. The communities of Clare and Grayling, in Michigan, extended invitations for the regular annual meeting of the Association to be held in August, decision in the matter being left to the executive committee of the organization.

## Detroiters Form Orhn Ski Club

Alfred Orhn, ski instructor for Grayling winter sports, is in receipt of a letter from Harold Neumann of Detroit, saying that a ski club had been formed there and has been named the "Orhn Ski Club."

That's a fine compliment to Mr. Orhn who seems to have made a great hit with the young men who came here during the past winter for skiing and for skiing instruction.

The club has made Mr. Orhn an honorary member of its organization and sent him one of their emblems to wear. It is a beauty with a field of blue mounted on white felt. It is in the form of wings and reads "SKI ORHN CLUB." The letters are white and a margin of white felt extends in a narrow edge about the blue field. It is 8 inches wide and 2 1/2 inches deep. These are designed to be worn on the front of the sweaters of the members. A special emblem of the same colors and materials with the word "Instructor" was presented Mr. Orhn.

All this is a very fine compliment to Mr. Orhn and one which we believe he justly deserves. These young men came here from Detroit without any knowledge of how to ski. Under the skillful instruction of Mr. Orhn they have progressed so well that they not only enjoy skiing over the ski trails but have done some excellent ski jumping as well.

Ski clubs are being formed in Jackson, Flint, Lansing and Saginaw, all because of the work of Mr. Orhn. It is expected that by next season ski clubs will be formed all over the state. Next year Grayling winter park will have another and higher ski jump, and it is just such organizations as those already started that will furnish plenty of competition in the annual ski-jumping tournament at the end of the season.

Other members of the Orhn club besides Harold Neumann are his brother Edgar and Don Koach and Leo King. These boys participated in this season's tournament. Ebbie Olson of Grayling has been invited to be a member of the Orhn club. We'll probably be seeing Ebbie wearing his club emblem.

We'll never have enough prosperity to please everybody.

Utopia now seems farther away than ever.

## Easter In The Churches

The story of the Resurrection was heralded to large congregations who gathered in the local churches Sunday to celebrate the most joyous holy day of all the year—Easter. All during Holy week special devotions were held in most of the churches with many people in attendance on Good Friday at Tre Ore devotions, when local business places closed between the hours of 12:00 until 3:00 o'clock.

All churches had lovely altars decked with spring blooms in gold and white, narcissus, Easter lilies and jonquils predominating, with lighted candles throwing their soft light over all.

At St. Mary's church on Easter the early morning mass the choir, newly organized the first of the year, beautifully sang Leonard's Mass in F. Mrs. Adolph Peterson, president of St. Mary's Altar society, was instrumental in securing Mrs. June Underwood as organist and director of the choir, and both have been giving much time and effort and they are credited with forming a highly talented group. They have been rendering music at each Sunday morning service but on Easter was their first high mass, and it was a marvelous accomplishment. Those who had solo parts were Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Richard Lovely, Misses Jennine and Natalie Peterson and Monica Brady. There were two duets also, one by the two Miss Petersons, and Mrs. Underwood and Miss Natalie Peterson. Other members of the choir are Mrs. Peterson, Misses Muriel DeLaMater, Joan Montour, Ann Weiss, Ruth LaMotte, Francis Rutkowski and Marian Kasper.

Fr. James Moloney had an impressive message for his large congregations at both masses. During Holy week he was ably assisted in the services by Rev. Fr. Mark VanGorp of the Redemptorist Order of Detroit. The latter celebrated the masses on Easter at St. Michael's church in Roscommon which is a part of Father Moloney's pastorate.

## Easter Services at Michelson Memorial Church

The spiritual values of Easter time cannot easily be measured, but everybody must sense the uplift and encouragement for Christian living, which the Easter message brings. Good Friday's message appears oppressive and dark, but it is not entirely so when all events are understood. The Good Friday service attracted a large congregation that heard special music by the choir.

and the pastor's sermon on "The Seven Sayings Upon the Cross." It was a very sacred and helpful service. We were glad to know that business places closed, giving all an opportunity to attend. The suffering Savior upon the cross still has attractive powers for sinful man. If he is faithfully lifted up (presented) He makes His inspiring service very human hearts. Then with dramatic suddenness Easter with its music and message of new life and hope breaks in upon the world.

In our city the temperature was 12 degrees below zero but everywhere joy and happiness prevailed. Our services began with a sunrise breakfast and program and concluded with the worship service at 11:00 o'clock. Organ, piano and violins supported the choir which was heard in several selections beautifully rendered. A fine class of young people were received into the fellowship of the church. Also a number of children were baptized. It was a very inspiring service, very helpful to an audience which filled the church to capacity. Grayling people must live more heroically and sacrificially, because they lived through another Easter.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

## Danish-Lutheran Church

As a special Easter program Sunday morning in the Grayling Lutheran church a pretty pin was presented to each of five girls of the Sunday school, who had a perfect attendance record of 52 Sundays. The girls were Leonie Jorgenson, Patricia Roberts, Caroline, Marjory and Barbara Nelson. Mrs. Joseph McLeod and Miss Emilie Stockholm were also presented with pins for the fine work they had done in the Sunday school for the past year.

## MANY HEAR ACAPPELLA CHOIR

Grayling music lovers had a rare treat when Professor J. Harold Powers of Mt. Pleasant Teachers College brought his Acapella choir here last Thursday evening. Sixty voices entertained the public for over an hour with selections from Victor Herbert, Liszt, Strauss, Rossini, and many others.

This choir was brought here through the efforts of the Grayling Woman's Club and those who heard it claimed it was the finest musical ever to be given in Grayling.

Professor Powers is an outstanding director as could easily be seen as each number appeared on the program.

It is hoped that this choir can be brought to Grayling again in the future.

The next meeting of the Woman's Club will be at the home of Miss Margrethe Bauman, April 1st.

## CELEBRATED SILVER ANNIVERSARY, EASTER

Easter Sunday had a double significance for Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen for on that day they observed their silver wedding anniversary.

It was 25 years ago on March 24th that Christine Christiansen married down the aisle at Danish Lutheran church and was met at the altar by Peter Madsen and there they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The late Rev. Peter Kjolhede, long a pastor of that church officiated, amidst a congregation of friends. Many of those at the wedding were among those who sent felicitations last Sunday of cards, telegrams, flowers and gifts of silver.

The day was happily spent by the bride and groom, who attended morning and evening worship at the same church. To make the event a memorable one they entertained members of their family at dinner at noon and in the evening there were several friends dropped in after the evening church service. Danish songs and games were enjoyed and the proverbial Danish refreshment "coffee" served. At the lunch table Rev. P. C. Stockholm gave a toast to the couple and spoke a few words of beautiful tribute.

Mr. and Mrs. Madsen have lived in Grayling for many years and are among the city's estimable residents. They find much contentment in each other's companionship and in that of their only daughter, Miss Eva. The Avalanche joins with hosts of friends in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Madsen and trust they may enjoy many more years of wedded bliss together.

Mrs. Wm. Green of Detroit came for the occasion.

## ROSCOMMON MASONS HOLD PAST MASTERS MEETING

A large group of members of Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. were in attendance at a meeting of past masters of Roscommon Lodge Monday night. An enjoyable turkey dinner at 6:30 o'clock started the festivities and was followed by an interesting program.

Past Master Hiram Smith of Howell acted as toastmaster and gave a reminiscent resume of his days in Roscommon and verbal sketches of some of the early masters of Roscommon lodge. He praised the lodge for carrying on so splendidly the work that had been started by the members of Roscommon lodge in the early days.

Other speakers were Past Masters Jesse Green and W. F. Johnson of Paw Paw, and others of Roscommon lodge and Past Master Charles E. Moore of Grayling lodge. It was a very enjoyable affair.

Later the third degree in Masonry was conferred in the lodge rooms.

This was the first past-masters meeting ever to be held by the Roscommon lodge and was so inspirational that no doubt it will become an annual affair in the future.

## MUST BE OPEN SEASON ON GRAYLING "BEARS"

The newly-organized Grayling "Bears" independent basketball team ran into hard luck last week when they lost three games in four days, all of them away from home.

Monday night, March 18th, they journeyed to our neighboring town of Kalkaska and lost a close, hard-fought game to the Kalkaska Merchants, 37-31. Dewey Coutts captured scoring honors for the evening with seventeen points.

On Wednesday night, March 20th, the "Bears" went to Manton and after leading the Manton Merchants the whole game, they lost out when Manton scored six points in the last minute of play to win, 34-32. The score at the half was Grayling 23, Manton 17.

Bill Kraus and Dewey Coutts led the losers' attack with 10 and 8 points respectively.

On the following night, Thursday, the team traveled to Comins for a game with the Comins Cagers, and lost, 70-56. John Deckrow, fast "Bears" forward, scored twelve field goals for 24 points.

Members of the Bears are Dewey Coutts, John Deckrow, Bill Kraus, Bud Wiseman, Jack Hull, Lewis Smith, Leslie Hunter, Lawrence Wylie and Ebbie Olson.

## COUTTS-JACKSON

Harold Y. Coutts, oldest son of Mrs. N. B. VanNatter of Grayling, and Miss Helen Imogene Jackson, oldest daughter of Mr. Earl Jackson of Alhight, Illinois, were united in marriage in Detroit Saturday afternoon, March 2nd.

Mr. Coutts is a graduate of Grayling High school with the class of 1934 and Mrs. Coutts is a graduate from Alhight High school.

The young couple will make their home in Detroit where Mr. Coutts is employed by the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors.

Grayling friends of the groom extend congratulations and best wishes for a happy married life.

## T.B. Ass'n Awards Prizes To Schools

Rural schools to take first and second place in Crawford county's tuberculosis Christmas seal sale were Fuldhauser School, Miss Jane Nellist, Grayling, teacher and Love School, Mr. Lloyd Diamond, Roscommon, teacher, the Michigan Tuberculosis Association announced this week.

As awards the association presented for first place "Healthy Land," a book of health stories, plays, pictures and verse published by "Hygeia," the health magazine of the American Medical Association. The second place award was "Seeing Mexico with Lowell Thomas."

Each school receives some award for its work in the annual seal sale. But more substantial than the games or athletic equipment for schools and prizes for individual participants are the health education services which the tuberculosis association offers to rural schools.

The Wolverine Health Bulletin is distributed throughout the school year. Popular with teachers for classroom use, the bulletin is published in two editions for younger and older children. The magazine "Health" is sent to schools and is in every library, and posters, literature and special teaching aids are furnished free to schools.

Sound moving pictures teaching lessons on tuberculosis in entertaining form are shown to thousands of pupils and teachers during the school year. And to make the practice of health principles attractive the association sends its health teacher, Princess Watassa, to schools. She uses Indian folk lore to impress her audiences with the relation of health to happiness.

In rural districts the sale of the tuberculosis seals by children has met with approval and support. In expressing appreciation to the teacher and the young salesmen, the tuberculosis association has also commended the community for its cooperation in the state-wide campaign against tuberculosis.

## ROYAL CROWN COLA PLANS BIG 1940 NEWSPAPER CAMPAIGN

Newspapers will play a strategic role in the 1940 plans of Royal Crown Cola, "the greatest advertising and merchandising campaign in our 30-year history," according to H. R. Mott, President of the Nehi Corporation, makers of the beverage. "We are taking advantage of the tremendous momentum which Royal Crown's sensational sales increase has given us," Mr. Mott announces, "and again in 1940 we will use the power of the press to push Royal Crown sales upward."

More than 600 newspapers, coast to coast, will carry dozens of hard-hitting Royal Crown Cola advertisements. By latest estimates these newspapers reach 25 million readers.

Color advertisements specifically aimed at almost five million women—"purchasing" agents for the great American home—will appear in women's magazine.

Radio will be vigorously used. Royal Crown Cola took to the air again on February 16th, over the 88-station coast-to-coast network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. "Believe It Or Not" Bob Ripley will again be the headline feature, with B. A. Rolfe and his orchestra and songstress Linda Lee. In general the program will follow the pattern of last year's show, which was officially rated one of the top attractions on the air. Bob Ripley promises even greater emphasis upon humorous "Believe It Or Not" when he parades his astounding aggregation of oddities before CBS microphones every Friday night during most of the remainder of 1940.

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**NO DINKY DRINK FOR ME. I WANT ROYAL CROWN COLA**

**NOT ONE BUT TWO FULL GLASSES**

**5¢**

Bigger—and better-tasting, too! Royal Crown has won 9 out of 10 certified taste-tests against leading colas from coast to coast! Order some from your dealer today.

**BEST BY TASTE-TEST!**

Tune in the Ripley Show Fri. night, CBS Network A Product of Nehi Corp.

Carl W. Peterson, Proprietor
**NEHI BOTTLING COMPANY**
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## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, March 29, 1917

Detroit Northwestern high school won the State basketball championship at Ann Arbor Saturday by defeating Jackson High school 24-21, in the final battle of the three day series. The cup for most points scored went to Henderson of Northwestern with 58 points. Two all-state teams were picked the following boys being picked on the first team: Whitlock, Detroit Central; and Henderson, Northwestern, forwards; Isbell, Jackson, center; Houston, Grand Rapids Central, and Cappon, Holland, guards. Second team: Pacynski, Bay City Western, Karpus, Grayling, Mitchell, Jackson, forwards; Van Rossum, Grand Rapids Central, center; Brooks, Arthur Hill, Wilson, Detroit Central, guard. The Grayling team, after winning the State championship against all schools of the state with high school enrollment of 200 or less, at Ypsilanti, rested a few days and then entered the contest at Ann Arbor. They started in the first game with Ann Arbor, winning with a score of 20 to 16, and winning from Pontiac, the same day, by the score of 18 to 16. Their next contest was with the fast Northwestern High of Detroit, and in this game they lost 30 to 13. During both tournaments our boys covered themselves with glory by their fine playing. Karpus was easily the star at Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, coming in for strong praise, as did also Thompson, while Mitchell, Doroh and Shanahan all played wonderful basketball and equally deserve the fine credit they received. Chamberlain, who was in uniform as "sub" did not get into any of the games, but the next year without a doubt he will make the first team and get plenty of playing.

Word was received by friends here Wednesday of the death of Darius Countryman at the Old Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids, where he with his wife had been making their home for the past several months. Mr. and Mrs. Countryman with their daughter, Miss Florence had been residents of Grayling for about fifteen years. Mr. Countryman was a Civil War veteran. After the war he was engaged for several years in lumbering and in the mills.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Olson Monday, March 26.

P. P. Mahoney purchased the residence on Michigan avenue last week occupied by Ethel Matson and family, and owned by the John Everett Estate.

The members of the Rebekah lodge gave a pleasant party at the home of Miss Carrie Jorgensen Monday evening to celebrate two of their members' birthdays. Mrs. Martha Hill and Miss Edna McCullough. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. McCullough were presented with pretty hand-painted china plates as tokens of remembrance.

Mrs. Wm. J. Teare of Bay City visited her husband here over

Sunday last, returning to Bay City Monday. They will occupy the Wm. Raac residence as soon as the latter moves to Johannesburg.

Clarence Johnson, of this city, who enlisted in Ambulance Co. No. 2 at Bay City last June, and who has been stationed with the troops at the border, arrived home Saturday. He had been employed at the DuPont offices in Bay City before enlisting, but he expects to remain at home now.

A very pretty wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett March 28 at 5:00 p. m. when Edna, their youngest daughter, was united in marriage to Mr. Earl Keeley, of Auburn, Michigan. Mrs. Lawrence Zimmerman of Boyne City acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Leon LaMotte as best man. Rev. Mitchell performed the ceremony. There were about forty guests present.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Babbitt are the proud parents of a son, born to them Sunday, March 25.

Mrs. John Charlefour left Saturday for Cadillac, on account of the illness of her little granddaughter, Madonna Carrievau.

Dr. C. F. Underhill, of Lovells, was united in marriage to Miss Grace McNeil at the latter's home in Buffalo, Thursday, March 15.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reagan of the South side, March 9.

Leo Jorgenson left Wednesday for Detroit, where he expects to remain for several months.

Peter Oulitt, a Frenchman who has been making his home in Grayling for several years, died at Mercy Hospital Sunday, at the age of 75 years. As far as is known he left no relatives.

Messrs. Arthur McIntyre and Tony Nelson of the Grayling Vulcanizing & Tire Supply company say that they are now open for business. They are located two doors west of the Russell hotel.

### Lovells News

(23 Years Ago)

L. W. Decker left Lovells Tuesday, his place being filled at the mill by Mr. Cataline of Gaylord.

Mr. Clarkson is preparing to move his family back to Lovells from Grayling.

D. Bister went to Grayling Monday, returning Tuesday with his wife, who has been at Mercy hospital for the past two months.

T. E. Lewis has purchased a new Ford.

The Ladies Aid gave Mrs. Andrew Brown a farewell reception at the home of Mrs. Abrahams, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Emmett Lewis presented Mrs. Brown with a set of table linen in behalf of the Ladies Aid.

Next Monday at the April election the following candidates will be voted on for the various offices, on the Republican ticket: Supervisor, Chas. Craven; clerk, James Kalahar; treasurer, Chas.

S. Barber; justice, full term, Wallace S. Ritter; justice, 2 years, John J. Higgins; justice, 1 year, Edward Barber; Comm. of Highways, B. Peter Johnson; overseer of highways, James Pratt; member board of review, George Burkhardt. On the Citizen's ticket the following are candidates: Supervisor, Floyd A. Goshorn; clerk, John W. Burke; treasurer, George Hunter; justice, full term, Angus R. Layman; justice, 2 years, Joseph Bigelow; justice, 1 year, Norman Fisher; comm. of Highways, Daniel McDermald; member board of review, George H. Martin.

### PUMP NO THREAT TO INLAND LAKES

Pumps used for irrigation of Michigan fields in general prove no serious threat to the level of lakes and streams used for water supplies.

Ask O. E. Robey at Michigan State College about any danger and that is his answer.

For proof he points out that in summertime the natural surface evaporation when no rainfall occurs is about 2 1/2 inches in a month. That is what happens to the water level on some of the state's inland lakes and ponds.

Where streams and lakes are spring-fed, the inflow of water often is as much as the evaporation even without rainfall.

But the pump used by the average truck farmer for irrigating a portion of his farm usually has little or no appreciable effect on the water level.

In some of Robey's studies he has found as much as five acres of a field being watered from a lake which had a square mile of surface. To put an inch of water on the five acres would lower the lake only one-hundred and twenty-eight of an inch.

Even a smaller lake covering 40 acres could be lowered but an eighth of an inch if the farmer drew off enough water to put an inch over five acres of land.

"Some day the problem may be serious, but not now," says Robey. He studied the question seriously in recent years to find any menace to the tourist and summer vacation value of the 5,000 lakes and 2,000 streams which dot Michigan.

### REGARDING DELINQUENT TAXES

The accompanying sale list shows the entire unpaid balance of taxes for 1935 and previous years that are unpaid.

In such cases as have past due installments the law provides that when moratorium payments have not been brought down to date, the entire unpaid amount for those years must appear on the tax sale list.

If the owner wishes to continue the moratorium he may reduce the delinquent installments before the May sale date and have the balance of those years consolidated on the moratorium.

William Ferguson, County Treasurer.

### YOUR CHANCE FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE

A remarkable four-sided discussion of JUST what it is that makes marriage successful and of some of the causes that drive it off the tracks into the divorce courts or worse, will be found in The American Weekly, the great weekly magazine with the March 31 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times.

### ABOUT MAKING MAPLE SYRUP

Facts for farmers who at this season will be tapping the sugar maples on the farm woodlot:

One good tree will yield 15 to 20 gallons of sap. Forty-five to 50 gallons of sap boil down to one gallon of maple syrup. In 1939, 387,000 trees were tapped in Michigan to provide 17,000 pounds of sugar worth 30 cents a pound and 104,000 gallons of syrup worth \$2.05 a gallon, with a total value of \$218,000, the highest value of this crop since 1931.

### BEAVER TRAPPING OFF TO SLOW START

Lansing, Mar. 28.—Off to a poor start March 28, when continued cold weather kept more sluggish streams frozen tight, lower Michigan beaver trappers are eagerly awaiting the spring breakup that will permit setting and tending traps in open water.

The beaver and otter season extends to April 10 in lower Michigan and from April 1 to 15, inclusive, in the upper peninsula.

### Weather Reports

One hundred thousand addresses are on the U. S. weather bureau's mailing list for daily reports.

### TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED.

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Description of Land  
State of Michigan,  
County of Crawford.

Lots 6 to 10 inc., Block 19, Sixth Addition to Portage Lake Park. Amount paid \$15.77, tax for years 1929 to 1935 inclusive.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$17.35 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Vanalia E. King,  
Place of business, Grayling, Michigan.

To Mary Healey, Mineral Point, Wisconsin, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands, or of any interest therein, as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county, at the date of the delivery of this notice to the Sheriff for service. 3-14-4

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Description of Land  
State of Michigan,  
County of Crawford.

Lots 1-2-3-4, Block 3, First Addition to Portage Lake Park. Amount paid \$13.58, tax for years 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$14.93 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Axel M. Peterson and Joseph Kernosky,  
Place of business, Grayling, Michigan.

To Malcolm Lamont, Edwin C. Herhold, last grantees in the regular chain of title of such lands, or of any interest therein, as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, at the date of the delivery of this notice to the Sheriff for service. 3-14-4



### North Bound Buses Daily

4:16 a. m.

1:46 p. m.

### South Bound Buses Daily

12:50 p. m.

9:43 p. m.

Ticket Office

Shoppenagons Inn  
Phone 3561

## BLUE GOOSE LINES

### Bus Fares Reduced

Bus fare reductions extending to every Blue Goose division, have been announced by P. L. Radcliffe, General Manager of Eastern Michigan Motorbuses, operator of Blue Goose Lines.

The fare cut is the greatest in the history of the company and became effective on Monday, March 25th. The rate reduction is in accordance with President Roosevelt's proclamation proclaiming 1940 as "Travel American Year."

"Americans are going to become better acquainted with their own country as a result of wars in Europe and the Orient, and as a means of stimulating travel we have slashed Blue Goose bus fares and are passing the savings along to our patrons," said Mr. Radcliffe.

### Election Notice

To the Qualified Electors of the Townships of Grayling, Beaver Creek, Frederic, Maple Forest, Lovells and South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that an annual township election will be held at the Town Hall within said Townships, in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on—

MONDAY, APRIL 1st, 1940  
from 7:00 o'clock a. m. to 6:00 p. m. for the purpose of voting on the election of the following officers, viz:—

TOWNSHIP—Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, Justice of Peace (full term), Justice of Peace (to fill vacancy, if any), Member Board of Review, Constables (not to exceed four).

Dated March 5, 1940.  
Dan C. Babbitt, Clerk,  
Grayling Township.

Martha J. Petersen, Clerk,  
Maple Forest Township.

Sanford Charon, Clerk,  
Frederic Township.

Frank L. Millikin, Clerk,  
Beaver Creek Township.

John F. Floeter, Clerk,  
South Branch Township.

Louise McCormick, Clerk,  
Lovells Township.

3-7-4

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State of Michigan,  
County of Crawford.

Lot 1, Block 18, Village of Grayling. Amount paid \$265.39, tax for years 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$291.92, plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Willard F. Harwood and Helen Harwood,  
Place of business Grayling, Michigan.

To John A. Everett, Enos F. Dutton, Agnes L. Dutton, last grantees in the regular chain of title of such lands, or of any interest therein, as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, at the date of the delivery of this notice to the Sheriff for service. 3-7-4

Land Sale  
Land in Argentina is measured by the cuadra, equal to 4.2 American acres.

### Bids Wanted

For Furnishing and Delivering Coal in Courthouse and Jail buildings for Crawford County at Grayling, Michigan.

Sealed proposals will be received by Axel M. Peterson, County Clerk of Crawford County, Grayling, Michigan up to one o'clock P. M., E. S. T., of the 12th day of April, 1940 for furnishing and delivering approximately 60 to 80 tons more or less of coal delivered and stored in the basement of the court house and jail buildings of Grayling, Michigan.

All proposals must be submitted in sealed plain envelopes marked "Proposals for furnishing coal for court house and jail."

Bidders should state size, analysis, kind and quantity of coal and unit price. Bids will be publicly opened at the Court House at the City of Grayling at the April session of the Board of Supervisors beginning April 12th, 1940.

The right to accept or reject any or all bids is reserved by the Board of Supervisors.

Axel M. Peterson,  
3-14-3 Crawford County Clerk.

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County of Crawford.

Southeast quarter (SE 1/4), Sec. 18, Town 27 North, Range 2 West. Amount paid \$139.98, taxes for years 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$153.98 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Ronnaw Hanson,  
Place of business Grayling, Michigan.

To Walter E. Kimmel, Chicago, Illinois, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands, or of any interest therein, as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county, at the date of the delivery of this notice to the Sheriff for service. 3-14-4

### STATE OF MICHIGAN (Estate of John L. Hart)

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling, in said County, on the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1940.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of John L. Hart, deceased.

Squire H. Mead having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 1st day of April, A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore,  
A true copy. Judge of Probate.

Charles E. Moore,  
Judge of Probate. 3-7-4

### "Acid Stomach Upset My Whole System"

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"I've heard that someone has said that Russia gets along without advertising. Well, so did Ancient Egypt, but I'd rather live here now, and read the Advertising... I'm not trying to be funny. First of all, it isn't true that Russia gets along without advertising because I have seen advertisements of the Russian Government and Russian Travel Agencies in this country. But that's not important... Advertising does a lot for me that I couldn't do for myself. It tells me usually which products are good. When I see an ad for a breakfast food, I generally know what that food is and its characteristics are; and I can tell whether the price is right. That is so true and so important to me and other women that even potatoes and onions today are being packaged, branded and advertised—they are of selected quality and size, are clean, and come in accurately measured quantities in standard packages. I have confidence in advertised products because I have found them to be reliable. So, I buy without hesitation, and that saves me time... As for price, I have found that advertised goods sell on a quality-price basis. For the price, the advertised product usually offers as much, and sometimes more than the unadvertised product of similar quality. I say, without hesitation, therefore, that Advertising saves me money, too."



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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1940

## Governor Dickinson

Breaking his silence upon a subject uppermost in the minds of party leaders, Governor Luren D. Dickinson states that if political conditions maintain their status quo he will announce in June his candidacy for reelection.

The venerable governor thus makes it known that he will wait until near the expiration of the time limit for the filing of primary petitions. If the demand for his continuance as Michigan's chief executive retains its insistency he will acquiesce; althet, his statements infer that his decision may be governed in some measure by the character and qualifications of other aspirants for the place. Friends familiar with the Dickinson reserve will read into his utterances a willingness to step aside should a candidate appear on the primary horizon whom he considers admirably fitted to govern Michigan.

If he becomes a candidate, Governor Dickinson says he will ask no person to vote for him, he will make no speeches, do no campaigning and spend no money. Anything else of course, would be a reversal of the Dickinson campaign methods. That is the way he has won more terms as lieutenant governor of Michigan than any other man ever served.

Governor Dickinson will, as he has done heretofore, announce his candidacy, retire to his comfortable farm home near Charlotte and wait for the votes to be counted. In previous campaigns party leaders have beaten a path to the Dickinson door, but they have never enticed him into the fray. Neither have they persuaded him to desert in deference to other and more active candidates "for the good of the party."

Both have been the objectives of pilgrimages to the Dickinson domicile. But when the election returns rolled in, Mr. Dickinson usually topped the ticket. Known as an ardent dry and head of the Anti-Saloon League, he has carried Michigan's wet spots over candidates who sought to capitalize his aridity by voicing their own wet sympathies. There has been no section of the state in which the venerable governor did not hold his own in the balloting.

Politicians have sought to exploit this phenomenon. They attribute it to Governor Dickinson's wide acquaintance as Michigan's number one Methodist layman and temperance leader and the fact that his name has so often appeared on the state ballot that voters have fallen into the "habit" of voting for him.

There is a more tenable explanation than that, or at least an elaboration of it. It indicates that people generally, irrespective of their own personal habits, retain respect for a man who adheres with consistency to the Dickinson code of high moral precepts, and they vest their faith in his integrity. They regard Mr. Dickinson as safe—a politician apart from the routine run of politicians. That is why wet voters by the thousands have gone to dry Mr. Dickinson in his several candidacies for lieutenant governor.

In his career as governor, a post to which he was elevated through the tragic death of Frank D. Fitzgerald, Mr. Dickinson has justified that confidence. He has surrendered none of his moral convictions, but on the contrary has emphasized them in his executive thinking and utterances. But he has also been fair with his foes.

As governor he has found himself the ex-officio head of the state's liquor business, a traffic that he despises. His attitude toward it, however, has not been one of personal intolerance but of executive compliance with existing laws that govern it. It requires both character and a proper conception of official responsibilities to submerge one's prejudices and conform with fairness to statutes that command only one's personal disapproval.

That is a fair test of the Dickinson qualities that have long won preference at the polls. It explains why Mr. Dickinson, the only man in the state's history who ever "turned the trick," may again remain at home, silent and spendless—and still win—Hartford Day Spring.

## TAXPAYERS' DUTIES

Taxpayers associations are being formed every day throughout the country. They are made up of men and women who have come to the tragic realization that they—Mr. and Mrs. John Citizen—have got to take an interest in how and where their tax dollars are being spent—or it won't be many more years before they may lose that privilege.

This year it is a truth that we all must work 14 weeks for the government in order to share our separate burdens of taxation. Those 14 weeks represent more than one-fourth but not quite one-third of your working year. Twenty-five years ago we worked less than two weeks or not quite one-twenty-sixth of a year, to pay our taxes. What has happened to cause this tremendous increase in the size of our tax burden, is being made a study by thousands of citizens throughout the country.

For years as the burden increased by leaps and bounds it made little or no difference to the majority, for it had not actually affected their incomes. Today it does. And today it is a vital question to our future welfare. We must face the issue now and do our share toward building those fortifications against its re-occurrence. We can do this better when banded together in local tax associations where we can strike at the curse more directly because of our familiarity with our local needs and will know when they are exceeded.

Join your local tax study group immediately—and start doing your share in this work.

## Health &amp; Hygiene

(Through the courtesy of The Detroit News, Children's Fund of Michigan and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation)

## FIRST SIGN OF SYPHILIS

The primary lesion of syphilis is the chancre, not unlike a pimple in appearance, possessing a hard base and sides and emitting a thin secretion which is capable of inoculating another person with the disease. While it usually appears on the genital organs, it is seen not uncommonly on the lips, face, finger, tonsil and chin. On an average, this symptom appears about 10 days after contact with an infected person but it may be delayed for as many weeks. It is sometimes lacking entirely particularly in the female.

Studies recently published by Dr. C. W. Clarke of New York City indicate both the prevalence of venereal disease in certain age groups and the general disregard of the first warning sign.

Of 15,090 recorded cases of syphilis, only 6.4 percent were recognized in the chancre stage when treatment proves most effective and when the possibility of isolating the disease is assured. An additional 48.9 percent of the total number admitted to a history of chancre but failed to obtain medical attention. It was found that about two-thirds of the early cases of syphilis, in both men and women, were in the group below the age of 31. In white males and females and in colored males, the peak age of infection was in the 21 to 30 period. In colored girls, infection reached its peak between 16 and 20.

For every man who traced the source of his infection to marital contact, 25 women attributed their infection to husbands.

More than three-fourths of the diseased men named promiscuous women as the source. Of 3,800 women arrested in New York City, 56 percent were found to have a venereal disease.

Of all the cases diagnosed in the primary stage, only three percent sought medical attention within 10 days after noticing a lesion; more than 50 percent waited for at least 30 days and 7 percent delayed more than 100 days.

To the physician and public health authority, these facts are startling and indicate the difficulty of controlling syphilis. However, now that the word and the facts are no longer taboo in polite society and newspapers are determined to inform the public of the dangers of infection, some progress in combating the social evil may be predicted.

Eventually, every person noting a cold sore, pimple, canker sore or fever blister on the surface of the body or on the mucous membrane after contact with an individual who might harbor the disease, will report to a physician for examination. Blood tests are of no avail during the first weeks of syphilis since the organism of the disease has not yet entered the blood stream, but examination by dark-field microscope will disclose its presence or absence.

If ever the incidence of insanity and fatal disorders of the heart and other organs is to be reduced, it will be through the early treatment of syphilis, physicians are convinced.

## 11 MILLION TONS IRON ORE SHIPPED

Michigan iron ore shipments totaling 11,239,895 tons in 1939 were largest except for 1937 since 1929 according to figures released today by geological survey division of the department of conservation.

Iron ore production during 1939 totaled 9,116,938 tons, the excess shipments over 1939 production having been taken from stock piles at the mines.

## Personals

Robert Herbison is spending vacation week visiting relatives in Lansing.

Cecelia Craft is spending the spring vacation visiting relatives in West Branch.

Al Courtney of Lansing was the guest of Miss Shirley Glenn over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson left Sunday to spend a few days in Detroit on business.

Harold and Percy Bronson of Turner, Mich., visited the former's father-in-law Bryan Newell and family Sunday.

Charles Fehr spent Friday in Tawas City visiting his old friends, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Nielsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Russell spent Monday and Tuesday visiting the former's parents in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Welte and son James spent the Easter week end visiting relatives in Owosso.

Mrs. Emil Niederer and Mrs. Menno Corwin and daughter Joan expect to spend Friday in West Branch.

Misses Mary and Patricia Montour of Inkster visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Montour over Easter.

Miss Elizabeth Matson of Trenton, spent the Easter week end visiting her mother, Mrs. Efner Matson.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Milks and son Lloyd of Traverse City, were Easter Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lydell.

Mr. and Mrs. Devere Benware of Harrisville spent Easter with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Wakeley.

Misses Mary Jane Joseph and Virginia Peterson are guests of Barbara and Dorothy Miller in West Branch for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pratt and Paul Pipio of Sault Ste. Marie were Easter Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mayotte enjoyed the Easter weekend at Black River visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Ralph Warner, and family.

Bill Joseph is home from Cleary College, Ypsilanti, spending the spring vacation visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph.

Miss Veronica Lovely, who has a steady position as nurse at the Northern Michigan Sanitarium at Gaylord, spent Easter Sunday at her home.

Dick Reynolds of Midland is spending this week visiting his mother, Mrs. Harry Reynolds here. This is the spring recess of his school.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Butler enjoyed a couple of days visit the first of the week from the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Luder of Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell left Tuesday for Toledo, where they will make an indefinite visit at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin.

Mrs. Willard Harwood accompanied her son Bob to West Branch Friday where he will spend the spring vacation visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Tiffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goss and family spent Easter visiting the former's parents in Kawkawlin. Returning, his father John Goss, accompanied them home for a few days visit.

Fred Bromwell and Miss Irene DeVoll of Traverse City were Easter guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bromwell, at their cabin Arrowhead Point, on the Manistee.

Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and little daughter Karen of Marlette and Earl Gierke of Saginaw were guests over Easter Sunday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gierke.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kneff of Detroit spent the week end visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wheeler of Milford were also home for the week end.

Leo Schram returned to Detroit Saturday night after having been here for several days, called by the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Peter Larson. Mrs. Schram and daughters are remaining for a month with Mr. Larson.

Milo Endricks and cousin John Little, of Detroit, spent the week end visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Joseph Kernosky and family. Mrs. Victor Sorenson accompanied them back Sunday to spend some time visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Endricks.

Mrs. Ernest Borchers and Miss Odie Sheehy accompanied Mrs. W. J. Heric to Tawas City Friday, where the latter is spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Nielsen. Barbara Borchers is the guest of Patsy Hope Heric there for vacation week, when the girls will return to be here for school when it re-opens Monday.

Bill Hill spent the Easter week end with his family.

W. H. LeVall of Detroit was a caller in Grayling Thursday.

Miss Evelyn Skingley of Detroit spent the week end visiting her parents.

Mrs. Frank Bennett is spending a few days visiting relatives in Baraga, Mich.

Fred Welsh and son Tom, and Leo Gannon made a business trip to Big Bay last week end.

Mrs. Frank Pritchard left Tuesday to visit her father in Lansing for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hinsley were in Bay City visiting, the last of the week.

Miss Jerrine Peterson entertained William Hoffman of Harrisville over Easter Sunday.

Dick Peterson, who is employed in Jackson, spent the week end visiting at his home here.

Jack Hull is spending the spring vacation visiting his uncle, Ralph Fisk, in West Branch.

Mrs. Wm. Green of Detroit spent from Friday to Tuesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madson.

Edward Martin of C.S.T.C., Mt. Pleasant, spent Easter visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin.

Dr. Stanley Stealy attended a meeting of the Bay County Medical Society in Bay City Wednesday evening.

Mrs. C. J. Valley of Rives Junction, Mich., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. E. M. Ross of Vassar is spending a few weeks visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. P. Peterson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower enjoyed having their Easter Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis in West Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ekkens and children of Bay City were the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Kate Loskos, over the week end.

Mrs. Frank Barnett enjoyed a visit from her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Porter McCall and little son Benjamin Franklin II.

Charles Corwin Jr. and Miss Erdine Larson spent the last of the week visiting the former's sister, Mrs. D'Alton Griffith and family in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Krome and children of Buffalo, N. Y., spent the Easter holidays visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson.

Emil Kraus and daughter Virginia of Detroit spent the Easter holidays at their home. Miss Virginia is a student at U. of D., Detroit.

Mrs. Louis Herbison attended the funeral of her mother-in-law Mrs. Daniels, in Bay City Saturday. Returning home she was accompanied by her daughter Miss Geraldine, who spent Easter here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stroppe and the latter's father William Felton left for Detroit Saturday where they will remain until sometime in June. Mr. Felton had been a patient at Mercy Hospital for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Armstrong and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter Peggy were Easter guests at the home of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson. Mrs. Snyder and daughter are remaining this week.

Mrs. Wm. Randolph has returned to Sault Ste. Marie after several days spent here, coming to attend the funeral of Mrs. Peter Larson. She is visiting at the home of her daughter, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan.

Mrs. John Libcke and son Jon, and twin daughters Carol and Karen, returned to their home in Detroit today (Thursday) after spending several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson. Mr. Libcke came to accompany them home.

Mrs. William McNeven is among the first of the southern tourists to return home, after spending several weeks in Florida, where she was the guest of Mrs. Vera Gilson. Mrs. McNeven arrived on the morning train Saturday and the weather has been rather chilly since, but she says she doesn't mind it a bit. She says she had a lovely vacation, but was happy to be home again.

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## Court Summons Threat To Hikers

POLICE CALL PEDESTRIAN MICHIGAN'S NO. 1 ROAD WORRY

East Lansing, March 20—Court summons for rural jay-walkers may be next if verbal warnings and violation tickets by state police fail to reduce pedestrian casualties on country roads.

Captain C. J. Scavarda of the safety and traffic division of the Michigan State Police said today that a sharp enforcement program appeared necessary in view of the spurt in pedestrian accidents. Within 48 hours, two Michigan State College students were fatally injured while walking at night on country highways near the campus. On a statewide scale the accident toll was sweeping upward, with pedestrians the victims of approximately 60 per cent of the accidents in cities and 25 per cent of rural accident fatalities.

State police have started an intensive campaign of warning rural pedestrians violating the state's new traffic law requiring them to walk on the left side of rural highways, facing on-coming traffic. Names of violators are taken and a second violation will mean a court summons. At the rate of more than 100 per day, state troopers are issuing these warnings and compiling a rural jay-walking list that will begin soon to bear fruit in either a reduced accident toll or appearances in traffic court.

"The traffic law passed by the last legislature imposes a definite responsibility on the pedestrian," Captain Scavarda said in his warning today. "His movement is governed the same as the movement of vehicular traffic."

"In cities, the law is emphatic in the matter of crossing on green lights. On rural highways, it is equally clear in requiring pedestrians to face on-coming traffic. At prevailing speeds, motorists cannot always see pedestrians at night in time to avoid hitting them. Therefore, the pedestrian must be watchful of his own safety. Facing on-coming traffic permits him to exercise necessary caution and step from the highway if such traffic bears down upon him in a manner making it apparent the driver does not see him."

"The pedestrian should always remember he can see a car at considerable distance, but that the lights of the car may not pick up his dark figure against the blackness of the night until it is too late to avoid hitting him."

Captain Scavarda declared the pedestrian on the rural highway had no more right walking on the wrong side than a motorist who drove on the wrong side.

"It is a strange quirk of human nature that a man will submit to all manner of regulations in the interest of public safety and his own safety when he's behind the wheel of a car," Captain Scavarda said, "but consider it his right to do all manner of crazy things in the middle of a thoroughfare as a pedestrian."

"Public attitude on this matter is changing," he continued. "The time is coming when the law-breaking pedestrian will be held in as close accountability as the law-breaking motorist."

"The three E's of motor safety must be brought to bear on the pedestrian if our accident tolls are to be really reduced. We must reach him first through education—teach him the right way and the safe way to travel. Then we must tighten up on enforcement—hit jay-walkers in court. They must help him through engineering—provide sidewalks or pedestrian lanes on our rural highways."

"The pedestrian is today's No. 1 problem in cutting traffic accidents in Michigan."

## NURSERY STOCK SHOULD BE INSPECTED

Purchasers of nursery stock should insist, for their protection, that it be accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture. With an exceptionally heavy volume of plants and shrubs moving this spring, the department warned that attempts may be made to dispose of inferior, uninspected nursery stock.

"Under the provisions of the insect pest and plant disease act," Agri. Commissioner Elmer A. Beamer pointed out, "It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell or give away any nursery stock such as strawberry, raspberry or other bramble, fruit plants, perennial flowering plants, trees, shrubs and vines, either nursery grown or wild, without first having such stock inspected by an authorized inspector and a certificate issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating that plants have been duly inspected and found to be apparently free from dangerous insects and contagious diseases."

"When purchasing nursery stock be certain that it is accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection, as this is your assurance that the stock has been officially inspected and it is issued for your protection."

FOR SALE—Business block on Main street, formerly location of Grayling postoffice. Now occupied. See me for particulars. O. P. Schumann. Phones 3111 and 3121.

## Yesterday's Gags, Today's Gadgets For April Foolery

All Fool's Day on April 1 still finds the younger generation having fun with the tricks their parents used 25 years ago. Still popular is the brick under the hat; also, the empty purse tied to a string which is hidden in the crack of a sidewalk. Here are a few more gags, new and old:



This gadget looks for all the world like an upset bottle of ink on friend wife's best Oriental rug. It's an ink bottle, true enough, but the ink is all in one piece—a shallow, shiny black object that won't hurt anything.



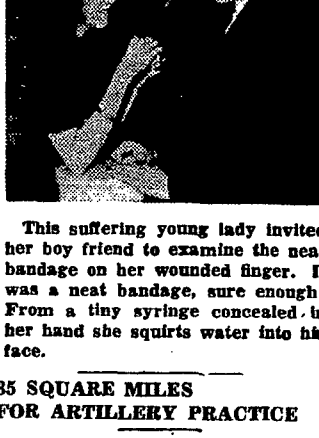
They'll never wear out this trick—and it hurts just as much this year as last.



It's not the least bit polite to point out a run in the young lady's stocking, but it makes a good April Fool gag.



This fellow was just about to enjoy some jam on his breakfast toast, but look what came out of the jam bottle!



This suffering young lady invited her boy friend to examine the neat bandage on her wounded finger. It was a neat bandage, sure enough! From a tiny syringe concealed in her hand she squirts water into his face.

35 SQUARE MILES FOR ARTILLERY PRACTICE  
Thirty-five square miles of land in Crawford and Otsego counties will become available to the State Military Board for land artillery practice as the land comes into state ownership. Lands involved are now coming to the state through exchanges with the federal government and the conservation commission has approved the military board's application for their use.

## Church News

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Sunday Services  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.  
11:00 A. M.—Danish Services.  
P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.  
MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH  
Sunday Services  
10:00 A. M.—Bible School.  
11:00 A. M.—Public worship.  
Come to church Sunday.  
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
Corner Shellenburger and State  
"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School .....10:00 a. m.  
Preaching .....11:00 a. m.  
Y. P. M. S. ....7:00 p. m.  
Preaching .....7:30 p. m.  
Mid-Week Services  
Friday .....7:30 p. m.  
O. H. Lee, Pastor.

CALVARY CHURCH  
The Book—2 Tim 3:16  
The Blood Heb 9:22  
That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13  
Mission Station  
216 Alger St.  
Pastor, F. D. Barnes.  
Rev. Anderson of Traverse City and his young people will take over the 7:30 meeting Friday evening and will entertain with singing and solos on various musical instruments. Sunday evening the young people of Oscoda, Mich., will be at the meeting to give the lesson and entertain with singing and music. Everyone is cordially invited to these meetings.

Sunday Services  
Sunday School .....10:00 A. M.  
Young People .....6:45 P. M.  
Preaching .....7:30 P. M.  
Midweek Services  
Tuesday—Prayer .....7:30 P. M.  
Thursday—Everybody's Bible Class .....7:30 P. M.  
You Are Welcome

## Important Dates In American History

(Prepared for this paper by the Michigan Historical Commission)

March 16, 1939—Death of Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald at his home in Grand Ledge.

March 17, 1847—Last meeting of the State legislature in the old capitol building at Detroit, the state capital being moved to Lansing in 1847.

March 18, 1837—Shiawassee County was organized. Named for the river flowing through it, which divided the county nearly equally as it was originally laid out. "Shiawassee" is an Indian name meaning, "The river twists about."

March 20, 1837—Governor Stevens T. Mason signed the bill to provide for construction of certain state-owned works of internal improvement, including the Michigan Central Railroad and the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal.

March 24, 1798—Governor Ephraim Ransom was born in Shelburne Falls, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. Governor of Michigan 1848-1850. Elected from Kalamazoo.

March 25, 1812—General William Hull, after recruiting troops in the Ohio valley for the defense of the Michigan frontier in the War of 1812, began his march to Detroit.

March 26, 1804—Congress passed an act reserving for school purposes section 16 in every township in each of the districts of the Old Northwest from which the states of Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois have been formed. (Germ of the University and Primary School funds of Michigan).

March 28, 1820—Oakland County was organized. Named for the beautiful "oak-openings" which covered the county in pioneer days.

March 31, 1818—First Protestant church building in Michigan completed, near Detroit (Methodist).

## Want Ads

WANTED—Portable sawmill with crew to saw 60 acres of timber; located in Crawford county. Or will sell timber standing. Clara M. Michael, Box 12, Vandalia, Mich. 3-28-1

WILL TRADE—Horses for cows or young cattle or calves. Edwin Cross, Beaver Creek.

WORK WANTED—15 year old girl wants work taking care of children evenings and week ends. Can give reference. Phone 3681.

WANTED—We are buying tie material in log form, 8", 10", 12" and over in diameter x 8 ft. long. For complete information and prices, make inquiry of our Agents, or direct to Detroit and Mackinac Railway Company, c/o R. W. Hickey, Purchasing Agent, Tawas City, Michigan. 3-28-4

WOOD FOR SALE—Green maple at \$250 per cord. Also green tamarack at \$200 per cord.—Amos Hoesli. 3-21-2



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**LOCALS**

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1940

David Knuth has been very ill at his home.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Lutz Monday, March 25.

Mrs. Ernest Lovely entertained her Bunco club at her home Wednesday evening.

Burke's Garage reports the sale of a new 1940 deluxe Tudor Ford to George Hanson.

Alfred Hanson was in Detroit three days last week attending a Frigidare meeting.

Tom Welsh is driving a new 1940 deluxe Plymouth coupe, purchased of Corwin Auto Sales.

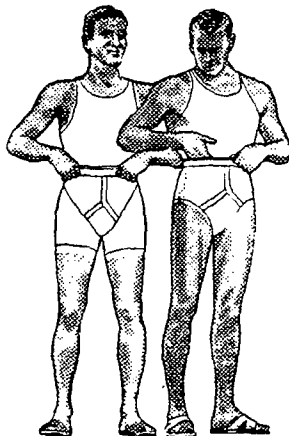
Mrs. Grant Shaw was hostess to the Past Matrons club of the Eastern Star at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borchers entertained members of the Stephan family at a family dinner to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Borchers' father, George L. Stephan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ackers of Harrisville are the proud parents of a daughter, Frances Elizabeth, born to them Wednesday, March 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wylie moved into the Samuel Rasmussen apartments on Michigan avenue Friday and are getting nicely settled.

April 19 has been proclaimed Arbor and Bird Day for the lower peninsula, May 3 for the upper peninsula observance, by Governor Dickinson.

Grayling Post Office has just purchased, thru the Avalanche office, a new 1940 L C Smith typewriter. This is the second one of these machines the local post-office has purchased from us.

The Women of the Moose will have a Social party at the Moose Temple Monday evening, April 1. Pinchle and bunco will be the order of entertainment. All members come and bring your friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger entertained members of the Granger family at a family dinner Thursday evening. The occasion was the birthday anniversary of the former's mother, Mrs. Celia Granger.

Harold Cliff, while doing some electrical work for the City at the High school building the last of the week, accidentally stepped into the cement pit, where the furnace is located, and had the misfortune to break his nose.

Miss Elna Mae Sorenson was hostess to the Just Us Club at her home Monday evening. While some of the group enjoyed doing their embroidery work, others played pinocle. A very nice lunch was served by the hostess. Mrs. Wm. Foley was a guest of the club.

A. E. Hendrickson will complete his contract with Camp Custer, for the C.C.C. the first of next week and will be in his shop every day from then on. He had been contracted to sew emblems and stripes on the jackets and caps of the leaders, assistant leaders and enrollees.

Mrs. Charles Melichar, Mrs. J. L. Martin and Mrs. John Erkes were hostesses for the regular social meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the hall Tuesday evening. Pinocle was enjoyed with Mrs. Leo Jorgenson holding the high score. The hostesses served a delicious lunch.

Lovells Township will vote next Monday on the question as to whether or not the Township Board may grant licenses for the sale of liquor within the township. The sale of beer and wines is already allowed. If the voters approve the proposal, intoxicating liquors may be sold.

Axel Peterson Jr., nine years old Saturday, was happy when his mother invited 13 boys to be his guests at lunch. Favors were tiny chicks and there was a lovely birthday cake. After lunch Junior took his guests to the Rialto Theatre. He was the recipient of many nice gifts and he says he likes them very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonk, taking advantage of the spring recess, left Friday morning on a motor trip through southern states, hoping to hit most of the high spots enroute. Little Joan Bond is visiting her grandparents in Olivet while her parents are gone and Jimmy is visiting at Burnside, Mich.

Little Bryan Newell, Jr., with the help of his sister, pulled an electric washing machine over onto himself Saturday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newell. The result was a deep cut in his head and the youngster was taken to Mercy Hospital where it was necessary to take seven stitches to close the wound.

Mrs. Celesta Malonen and Walter Confer were united in marriage at Bryan, Ohio, Monday, March 18. The groom's brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Confer, of Flint, were their attendants. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Confer came to Grayling to spend a few days before leaving for Flint where they will make their home.

It might be of interest to someone in Grayling to know that the U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced competitive examinations for positions of junior graduate nurse, \$1,620 a year, and special engineering draftsman at \$2,600 a year. Full information may be had from Farnham Matson, secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners, at Grayling postoffice.

Alfred Hanson reports the sale of a new 1940 special deluxe Chevrolet town sedan to Edgar Caid of Lovells.

Mrs. Adolph Peterson and Mrs. Emil Kraus are entertaining St. Mary's Altar society at the parish hall this afternoon.

Mary Lou Graham, who makes her home with her aunt, Mrs. Frank Barnett and who has been ill is getting along nicely.

Miss Odie Sheehy was hostess at two tables of bridge at her home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Eugene Papendick and Mrs. Carl Nielsen held high and low scores respectively.

Mrs. Henry Bousson was happy to have several friends drop in Wednesday afternoon and evening to extend birthday felicitations. Delicious refreshments were served.

Sandra Reynolds, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. G. H. Reynolds of Lake Margrethe, was dismissed from Mercy hospital one day this week, after having her tonsils and adenoids removed.

City Manager George Granger will talk to taxpayers at the Grange Hall Saturday night, April 6th, at 8:30 o'clock. His discussion will be relative to Grayling's new electric system. Everybody is invited. 3-28-2

Rummage Sale given by Grayling Chapter O. E. S. at the Masonic Temple, Saturday afternoon, March 30. Everything must go, so there will be lots of bargains. Anyone having articles for the sale, please call 3256 and it will be called for.

The Loyal Order of Moose are collecting clothing and furniture that anyone may care to donate to the family in Waters that lost their home and furnishings by fire the other day. Please leave donations at the Moose Temple or leave word and it will be called for.

The Oddfellows are leading the Moose by 4700 points in the pinocle tournament that has been raging every Monday night. Paul Ziebell is the high scorer for the Oddfellows and Middle LaMotte for the Moose. Next Monday night will be the wind-up with a big feed to top off the evening's games.

Miss Kathryn DeMoines and Ursula Cox, both of Frederic were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at the Free Methodist Church parsonage, Rev. O. H. Lee officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Cox will make their home in Frederic. The friends of the young couple extend congratulations and best wishes for a happy wedded life.

Rev. Edwin Hanson, of Marlette, District President of the Danish Lutheran Churches, spoke to a large gathering Tuesday evening at the local Lutheran church. His topic was "Christian Faith in Action." Following his talk, the group gathered at the home of Rev. Stockholm for a social hour. Coffee and cakes were served by the ladies.

Monday, April 1st will be election day for the townships of Michigan. A list of the candidates for Crawford county townships has already been printed on the AuSable river at Twin Bridges and the McCanns are enjoying their cabin "Riverdale" for a few days.

Lovells township and Grayling township are to vote on granting a franchise to the Presque Isle County Electric Cooperative Association for the purpose of furnishing those townships with electric power and lights. These elections are to be held April 12th. It may not be out of place to suggest to these communities that such a franchise should provide a definite understanding as to the kind of service that is to be rendered, the costs and everything pertaining to it before granting away valuable privileges. A franchise once granted isn't easily cancelled. Electricity is a wonderful convenience and should be approved provided it is assured that the commonwealth isn't getting into something it would like to shake off a few years later.

Census enumerators for Crawford County attended a two-day school of instruction at West Branch, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Adolph Peterson has been appointed as census taker for the city and township of Grayling; Theodore Leslie for Frederic, Maple Forest and Lovells, and Clarence Small for Beaver Creek and South Branch townships.

Holger F. Peterson and son Burton left Wednesday for Cleveland to be in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Peterson's sister, Mrs. Philip Kearney, who passed away Monday night after a several weeks illness. On their way down they will stop at East Lansing and John Henry will also accompany them. Mrs. Peterson has been in Cleveland at her sister's bedside for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. McNamara and son "Chuck" and Larry returned home Monday night after spending most of the month of March in Florida. They had a cottage at Bradenton, and from there enjoyed trips to Lakeland, St. Petersburg, Sarasota and other well known resort centers. Mrs. McNamara says the weather was lovely all the time and that they enjoyed going bathing every day.

From two until four o'clock Monday afternoon there was a happy crowd of boys and girls at Joan Corwin's house, as that day she was eight years old. There were 24 of Joan's friends besides some grown-ups and everybody had a lot of fun. Phyllis Bennett and Nancy Hilton won prizes in contests and other games were played. Ice cream and birthday cake was served by Mrs. Corwin at the close of the afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dale Penny and son have moved to Toledo where Mr. Penny has secured employment.

Morgan Paige has been on the sick list and Kenneth Hoesli has been doing his beat as night marshal.

The Junior Ladies Aid of Michelson Memorial church will hold a bake sale at Connors' grocery Saturday afternoon.

Ernest Olson is the first one in Grayling to purchase a Studebaker from John McEvers, who recently secured the agency for this automobile district.

About twenty relatives and friends of Mrs. T. SanCarter met at her home Tuesday evening to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary which fell on that day. Several tables of Bunco were in play during the evening with high honor scores going to Mrs. David LaMotte and John Motte, and low scores to Roy Wolcott and T. SanCarter. Later in the evening a pot luck lunch was served, with a beautiful birthday cake gracing the luncheon table. Mrs. SanCarter received many lovely gifts.

The Grayling Firemen and their families enjoyed their monthly social evening Monday night, and met at the Chris King home on the South side. About 29 were present. The entertainment consisted of playing bunco and pinocle with honor scores going to Carolyn Case and Vivian LaMotte for Bunco and Truman LaVack and William LaGrow for pinocle. A tasty lunch was served by the committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Case and Homer King.

Miss Virginia Feldhauser, who has been in Florida the past seven months, where she was a domestic in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shoemaker at Coral Gables, returned to Grayling Monday night and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser. She returned from Florida to Detroit by bus and there spent a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCann and son Howard, Jr., who accompanied her to her home here. Both the Shoemakers and the McCanns own summer homes on the AuSable river at Twin Bridges and the McCanns are enjoying their cabin "Riverdale" for a few days.

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For an old lawn, Professor McDaniel suggests three treatments at times when the lawn is being rolled. Each time the treatment should consist of 2 1/2 pounds of lead arsenate to 1,000 square feet of lawn. For better spreading, the treatment is mixed with a bushel of dry dirt or sand and then watered in well. Application times on an old lawn are spring, August and a subsequent treatment the following spring.

On new lawns a different attack is used. Before seeding, an application of 10 pounds of the lead arsenate to 1,000 square feet is distributed and worked into the topsoil. This is sufficient for four to five years of protection from white grubs which eat bluegrass roots, from the grubs of rose beetles or rose chaffers, earthworms, ants, some of the cutworms and sod webworms.

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**The Weather**

The mercury took a sudden drop during the last of last week, dropping to 12 below zero at 6 a. m. Sunday, and 16 below Monday morning. A high wind and snow accompanied the cold spell, making drifts across the roads. Tuesday morning the thermometer registered 8 below zero, warming up during the afternoon and evening, with a wet snow falling during the night. Wednesday afternoon the mercury had jumped to 42 above zero, the second warmest day since the beginning of the year.

Saturday, March 16, was the warmest, the thermometer registering 44 above in midafternoon. This morning (Thursday) at 6 o'clock the Grayling Fish Hatchery thermometer stood at 17 above zero.

**Flower Vases**

Flower vases should always be washed thoroughly with soap and hot water when withered blossoms are being discarded, lest bacteria which decay the stems of flowers survive in the vase and shorten the life of the fresh blooms which are put into it.

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## ANNUAL TAX SALE

(Continued from page six)

Description of Parcel	Year for Which Taxed	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
ORIGINAL PLAT, CITY OF GRAYLING				
Part of Lots 11 & 12, Block 15, commencing 40 ft. east of SW corner of Block 15, thence east 80 ft., north 80 ft., west 30 ft., south 80 ft. to place of beginning	1934 1935	145.67		
Part of Lots 11 & 12 commencing 95 ft. east of SW corner of Block 15, thence east 25 ft., north 80 ft., west 25 ft., south 80 ft. to place of beginning	1935	38.98		
W 58 ft. of Lot 5	1934	57.03		
Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 6 and running easterly along the line of Lots 5 & 6 to the easterly corner of Lot 5, thence in a southerly direction to the AuSable river, thence westerly along NE side of AuSable river to the easterly line of M. C. R. R. right of way, thence easterly along said R. R. right of way to place of beginning, a part of Lot C	1934	4.27		
Commencing at SW corner of Lot 5 thence westerly 60 ft., thence southerly along M. C. R. R. right of way 75 ft., thence easterly 60 ft., northerly 75 ft. to place of beginning. Part of Parcel C	1937	2.17		
Parcel C	1934	4.65		
Lot 1	1937	20.12		
Lot 2	1935	8.18		
E 50 ft. of Lots 11 & 12	1937	20.12		
N 1/2 of Lots 9 and 10	1933 1934	123.74		
Lot 2	1935 1937	16.19		
S 20 ft. of E 60 ft. of Lot 4	1929	3.42		
Lot 2	1937	13.24		
Lot 3	1937	63.24		
Lot 12	1935	2.42		
Commencing at a point 517 ft. east and 160 north of S 1/2 corner post of Sec. 7 & 8 thence north 60 ft. west about 250 ft. to east bank of AuSable river, thence south 60 ft., thence east about 250 ft. to place of beginning	1937	16.19		
Commencing at a point 567 ft. east and 156 ft. north of south 1/2 post Sec. 7 & 8, thence north 100 ft., east 81 ft., south 100 ft., west 81 ft. to place of beginning	1930 1931	24.91		
Commencing at a point 567 ft. east and 262 ft. north of south 1/2 post of Sec. 7 & 8, thence north 118 ft., east 81 ft., south 118 ft., west 81 ft. to place of beginning	1937	10.31		
Commencing at a point 793 ft. east and 166 ft. north of south 1/2 post of Sec. 7 & 8, thence north 120 ft., east 70 ft., south 120 ft., west 70 ft. to place of beginning	1932 1937	18.81		
Commencing at a point 793 ft. east and 186 ft. north of south 1/2 post Sec. 7 & 8, thence north 101 ft., east 70 ft., south 101 ft., west 70 ft. to place of beginning	1917 1930	9.68		
Commencing at a point 793 ft. east and 287 ft. north of south 1/2 post of Sec. 7 & 8, thence north 93 ft., east 70 ft., south 93 ft., west 70 ft. to place of beginning	1930 1931	30.34		
Commencing at a point 901 ft. east and 186 ft. north of south 1/2 post of Sec. 7 & 8, thence north 499 ft., east 132 ft., south 499 ft., west 132 ft. to place of beginning	1930 1931	35.97		
A piece of land 250 ft. wide on east side of M. C. R. R. and running the length of the unplotted part of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 7, Town 26, Range 3 West	1937	8.34		
Commencing at a point 54 ft. north of SE corner of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 7, Town 26 north, Range 3 west, thence north 108 ft., west 120 ft., north 54 ft., west 350 ft., south 216 ft., east 350 ft., north 54 ft., east 120 ft. to place of beginning	1937	47.55		
Commencing at NW corner of Lot 7, Block 2, Hadleys Third Addition to City of Grayling, thence northwesterly on a direct line to NW corner of Wm. Raae's property, same being on south line of Don Street, at a point at center of north line of Lot 5, of vacated Block 11, thence southeasterly along northeasterly line of Wm. Raae property to a point 170 ft. south of NW corner of said Lot 7, Block 2, thence north 170 ft. to place of beginning	1937	34.88		
Commencing at north line of Lake St., at a point 200 ft. west of centerline of M. C. right of way, north 45 degrees parallel with and 200 ft. from centerline of M. C. tracks 978 ft., thence west 440 ft., south 1348 ft., east 365 ft., north 200 ft. to a point 100 ft. SE of centerline of Wye track of the M. & N. E. R. R., thence east on a 12 degree curve to the right, keeping parallel with and 100 ft. distant from centerline of the south line of Wye track of M. & N. E. R. R. 780 ft., and continuing with a 9 degree 20 min. curve keeping 100 ft. distant from center line of M. & N. E. tracks 560 ft. to north bank of AuSable river, thence easterly along low water line of north bank of said river 250 ft., more or less to east line of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 7, Town 26, North Range 3 West, thence north on said line 215 ft. to SW line of City Plat, thence north 45 ft., west 833 ft., to NW corner of said plat, thence NE on north line of Lake St., to place of beginning	1937	25.98		
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, excepting a portion of land in the NE corner belonging to A. M. Henderson, also a parcel of land south of the M. & N. E. Wye tracks in the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West	1926 1937	19.11		
That unplotted portion of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West lying north of the AuSable river	1937	12.27		
All of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 lying south of AuSable River	1938 1938	7.12		
Parcel commencing 793 ft. east and 485 ft. north of south 1/2 post between Sec. 7 & 8, thence north 120 ft., east 70 ft., south 120 ft., west 70 ft. to place of beginning	1927	15.00		
Beginning 517 ft. east and 610 ft. north of south 1/2 post of Sec. 7 & 8, thence north 50 ft., west 250 ft., south 50 ft., east 250 ft. to place of beginning	1923	11.93		

Description of Parcel	Year for Which Taxed	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
O. M. BARNES ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Lot 1	1937	16.08		
Fri 3 & 4	1929 1931	88.58		
W 1/2 of Lots 1 & 2	1937	12.40		
Lot 4	1937	24.03		
E 1/2 of Lots 7 & 8	1937	39.72		
Lot 5	1937	51.48		
Lot 10	1932	21.53		
Lot 12	1937	16.19		
CHALKER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Entire	1937	34.47		
MARTHA M. BRINKS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Commencing at the NE corner of Lot 1, Block 2, thence south 120 ft., east 12 ft., north 120 ft., west 12 ft. to place of beginning, part of alley in Block 2	1937	1.49		
Lot 3	1929 1930	43.75		
Lot 5	1933 1937	6.61		
SE 1/4 of Lot 2	1929 1937	12.27		
SE 1/4 of Lot 3	1937	8.34		
SW 1/4 of Lot 3	1937	16.19		
S 78 min. of W 1/2 of Lot 4	1937	10.31		
N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Lot 4	1937	8.34		
NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Lot 4	1932	14.03		
E 60 ft. of SE 1/4 of Lot 5	1937	12.27		
N 1/2 of W 1/2 of Lot 6	1931 1934	49.59		
N 1/2 of Lot 10	1937	1.85		
N 1/2 of Lot 11	1937	16.19		
S 1/2 of Lot 12	1935 1937	5.93		
S 1/2 of Lot 15	1937	16.19		
S 1/2 of Lots 14 & 15	1935	7.23		
S 1/2 of N 1/2 of Lot 16	1937	12.27		
MARTHA M. BRINKS SECOND ADDITION TO CITY OF GRAYLING				
Lot 3	1937	24.03		
Lot 4	1937	4.44		
Lot 5	1937	20.12		
Beginning at a point 12 ft. east of NW corner of Lot A, east 120 ft., south 34 ft., west 120 ft., north 34 ft. to place of beginning	1931 1932	10.40		
Commencing at SW corner of Lot 8, Block 1, thence west 60 ft., north 120 ft., east 60 ft., south 120 ft., to beginning, being a part of Lot A, Block 1	1935	.86		
Lot 7	1937	.93		
Lot 2	1923 1937	31.21		
Lot 3	1923 1929	70.76		
Lot 4	1923 1929	34.24		
Lot 5	1932 1937	22.59		
Lot 5 (12 ft. by 192 ft.) Lot 7	1935 1937	1.93		
Lot 5	1930 1931	42.75		
S 1/2 of Lot 6	1929	4.70		
Entire Lot 6	1937	1.49		
Lots 10 & 11	1937	14.23		
Lot 3	1937	2.47		
N 1/2 of Lot 9	1924	7.14		
Lot 10	1937	1.49		
Lots 11 & 12	1937	5.49		
Lot 2	1931 1932	5.49		
Lot 6	1935	14.06		
Lots 1 & 2	1937	24.03		
Lot 4	1932	4.28		
Lot 5	1934 1935	53.10		
Lots 3 & 4	1935	1.84		
Lot 7	1937	12.27		
GOODALES ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Entire Block 1, except R. of Way	1933	3.18		
Lots 1, 2 & 3, except R. of Way	1937	6.39		
Lots 3 & 4	1937	4.44		
Lot 5	1933	6.78		
Lot 6	1933	.94		
E 1/2 of Lots 1 & 2	1937	12.40		
W 1/2 of Lots 1 & 2	1937	4.44		
Lots 12, 13, 14, 15 & Parcel D	1935	4.34		
Lots 3 to 15 & Parcel D	1937	24.03		
Parcel E and Entire Block 4	1937	27.95		
Commencing at the intersection of the northerly line of Alger St. with the west line of State St. on NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 7 Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence north 98 ft., west 70 ft., south 60 ft., parallel with west line of State St., thence southwesterly 74 ft. to a point on the northwesterly line of Alger St., 20 ft. from starting point and 20 ft. along the last named boundary line to the point of beginning. Part of Parcel C	1937	8.34		
Commencing at the intersection of the N 1/2 line of Alger St. with the west boundary line of State St., west 20 ft. along northerly line of Alger St., northwest 74 ft., to a point of beginning. Point of beginning is 70 ft. west of State St., continuing in same northwest direction 230 ft. to AuSable river, easterly along water's edge about 165 ft., south 230 ft. to beginning. Part of Parcel C	1937	24.03		
AMENDED MAP OF HADLEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Lot 8	1937	31.88		
Lot 2	1937	17.49		
Lot 3	1937	27.95		
W 1/2 of Lot 7, W 1/2 of Lot 8, also Fri Lot 7, Block 3, Hadley's Second Addition	1932	27.24		
Lots 9 & 10	1937	4.44		
Fri 3 & 4	1935	13.48		
Lot 12	1934 1935	81.47		
Lot 5	1937	24.03		
Lot 6	1937	3.46		
Lot 8	1932 1937	60.11		
Lot 10	1932 1937	6.18		
Lot 11	1937	47.55		
Lot 6	1937	17.49		
Lot 10	1937	47.55		
Lot 3	1937	31.07		
Lot 10	1937	9.00		
Lot 11	1937	45.41		
Lots 7, 8 & 9	1937	2.45		
Lot 3	1937	16.19		
Lot 6 & W 1/2 of Lot 7	1937	18.20		
Lot 9	1937	2.78		

Description of Parcel	Year for Which Taxed	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
AMENDED MAP OF HADLEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Lot 10	1931 1932	32.15		
Lot 11	1937	8.34		
Lot 12	1937	4.44		
Lots 2 & 3	1931 1932	95.82		
Lot 5 & 6	1937	78.95		
Lot 3 and the north 15 ft. of Lot 4, also the east 80 ft. of north 45 ft. of Lot 4	1931	5.07		
South 15 ft. of the W 1/2 of Lot 4	1934 1935	23.68		
Lot 5 and west 60 ft. of north 45 ft. of Lot 4	1937	27.18		
Lot 9	1937	20.12		
Fri Lot 6	1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1937	255.43		
HADLEY'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Lot 1	1937	7.18		
Lots 1 & 2	1932	65.58		
Lot 2	1937	1.08		
Lot 7	1931	1.43		
Lots 1 & 2	1937	17.49		
Lot 11	1930	1.61		
Lot 3	1932	1.26		
Lot 1	1937	24.28		
Lot 2	1937	1.79		
Lot 8	1937	1.79		
Lot 8	1937	22.73		
Lots 1 & 2	1929 1930 1931 1932 1934 1935	422.02		
E 1/2 of Lots 11 & 12	1931 1932 1937	104.36		
Fri 1 & 2 and Fri 3	1937	43.64		
Also fri Lot 1, Block 29 of Roffees Addition				
HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Lot 11	1930 1931	70.39		
North 50 ft. of Lot 1	1937	7.18		
Lot 2	1932	6.28		
Lot 3	1937	9.00		
W 1/2 of Lot 8	1937	2.47		
E 1/2 of Lots 8, 9, 10	1937	14.09		
Lot 3	1937	12.27		
Lot 5	1937	3.90		
MADSEN'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Commencing at a point 66 ft. north and 33 ft. east of the south 1/2 post between Sec. 7 & 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. Thence east 120 ft., north 60 ft., west 120 ft., south 60 ft. to place of beginning	1937	13.84		
Lot 4	1937	16.19		
Lot 6	1932 1937	50.20		
Lot 7	1937	1.49		
ROFFEE'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9	1934 1937	4.09		
Entire Block 2	1937	20.12		
Lots 1 & 2	1937	18.29		
Entire Block 4	1937	16.19		
Lot 4	1937	1.48		
Lots 8 & 9	1937	2.47		
Lot 1	1937	3.90		
Lots 1, 2 & 3	1934 1935	98.59		
Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8	1937	4.44		
Lots 9 & 10	1931 1932 1935	15.52		
E 1/2 of Lots 11 & 12	1928 1929 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1937	132.04		
W 1/2 of Lots 11 & 12	1931 1932 1937	28.31		
Lot 7	1937	9.00		
E 1/2 of Lots 5 & 6	1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1934 1935	192.55		
E 1/2 of Lots 7 & 8	1937	1.48		
Lot 10	1937	1.48		
Lot 6	1937	4.44		
W 1/2 of Lots 11 & 12	1937	18.16		
E 1/2 of Lots 11 & 12	1935	15.88		
Lots 6, 7 & 8	1937	12.27		
Entire	1937	12.27		
Lot 3	1937	20.12		
Lots 7 & 8	1937	18.15		
Lot 5	1937	3.90		
Lot 7	1937	.93		
Lot 9	1937	20.12		
Lots 11 & 12	1937	24.03		
Lot 1	1937	4.44		
Lot 2	1937	2.47		
Lots 5 & 6	1937	2.47		
Lot 3	1930 1937	27.92		
Lot 8	1937	7.18		
Lot 10	1937	12.27		
Lot 11	1937	27.64		
Lot 4	1937	24.03		
Lot 3	1937	63.24		
Lot 4	1937	11.62		
Lot 10	1937	2.47		
Lot 12	1937	2.47		
Entire fri	1937	24.03		
Lots 4, 5, 6 & 7	1935 1937	28.13		
SALLING HANSON & CO. ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING				
S 1/2 of Parcel B	1937	1.08		
N 1/2 of Parcel B	1937	1.08		
Lot 2	1937	14.23		
Lot 9	1930 1931 1932	100.61		
N 1/2 of Lots 2 & 11	1937	16.19		
SE 1/4 of Lot 12	1937	16.19		
BROWN AND JOHNSONS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKVILLE				
E 18 ft. of Lots 7 & 8	1932	3.10		
Lots 9 & 10 except 16 ft. off east side	1932	13.15		
Lot 5	1937	2.97		
DILLEYS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKVILLE				
Lots 1 & 2	1937	1.08		
Lot 3	1937	2.97		
Lot 5	1937	2.97		
Lot 8	1937	1.08		
Lots 1 & 2	1937	1.08		
Lot 12	1937	4.23		
Lot 4	1932	1.23		
Lots 1 & 10	1937	4.23		
Lot 2	1937	4.23		
Lot 4	1932	8.51		
Lot 9	1937	7.71		
GRAYLING PARK				
Lot 2	1937	37.23		
Lot 12	1937	2.97		
Lot 27	1937	1.74		
Lot 38	1937	1.74		
Lots 14 to 19 & 21	1937	7.71		





Non-partisan News Letter  
Michigan Press Association

By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—The Hatch act extension to state employees, which passed the Senate at Washington last week and is now before the House, is another illustration of the gradual breakdown of state's rights through granting of federal aid.

A parallel exists in the system of state grants to local governments.

Together they have confused the taxing picture, making it more difficult to pin the blame on any one agency, and the inevitable result has been a shifting of responsibility from public officials at home to others miles away either at the state or national capital.

Because both federal and state governments have been increasing the granting of aid, the Hatch act was really inevitable, regardless of the "politics" which motivated members of Congress in varying degrees.

Consider then the growth of federal aid, if you please, as it applies to Michigan.

#### Social Security

The federal social security act, a child of the New Deal, is supported by taxes—contributions by employers and employees.

When benefit payments for unemployment compensation started in Michigan on August 1, 1938, Michigan's fund totaled \$65,288,000. The fund at the first of 1940 was \$46,500,000, a gain of \$9,000,000 over the balance of one year ago. Contributions during 1940, it is estimated, should exceed benefit payments by \$10,000,000, making a total reserve at the first of 1941 of around \$46,000,000.

Benefits to unemployed citizens have reached a total of nearly \$77,000,000. Contributions have totaled \$121,200,000.

Old age assistance, public health service, and employment service are other federal aid activities which have been created since the beginning of the Roosevelt administration.

#### 447 Millions, Relief

During the past five years Michigan has been allocated for emergency relief a total of \$447,143,053.97, according to a White House report submitted to Congress. The Work Projects administration expended \$315,238,130.33 during this time, for state work. Administration overhead was \$8,151,016 additional.

Last year brought an all-time high in federal expenditures in Michigan, a total of \$131,014,257. Other years' spending of federal money here were:

1938—\$74,634,690.34.  
1937—\$1,381,923.61.  
1936 and 1935—\$109,221,045.08.  
Agricultural benefits were \$13,422,951.67, this money going to the farmers in A.A.A. payments for soil conservation, loans, rural rehabilitation and relief.

The NYA accounted for \$9,846,401.88; public health service, \$2,348,993.35; U. S. Housing Authority, \$3,526,393.86—and on and on.

#### National Forests

One-sixth of the land in Michigan is owned by federal or state government and hence is tax-free.

There are 1,666,543 acres in national forests; state forests

totalled 1,075,000 acres; state game areas, 600,000 acres; state parks, 30,000 acres; national parks, 120,000 acres; federal waterfowl refuges, 100,000 acres, and submarginal land projects (Waterloo, for example), 115,000 acres.

The state today holds approximately 2,000,000 acres of land due to tax delinquency.

The vast federal and state holdings of forest land placed Michigan in the national limelight with regard to reforestation work. One-fourth of all the trees planted with public aid in the United States last year were in Michigan.

#### Highway Federal Aid

An important recipient of federal aid in Michigan is the state highway department.

At the first of March before the house road committee Murray D. Van Wagoner, commissioner of highways, appeared to plead for continuation of federal aid grants.

Presenting a 10-year program of highway needs in Michigan, Van Wagoner proposed the following spending with the aid of federal money:

Immediate widening of 606 miles of trunklines, \$94,838,000.

Future widening of 1326 miles of trunklines, \$181,323,000.

New belt lines around cities (four to six lanes), 251 miles, \$56,970,000.

Express roads from Detroit to Chicago, Detroit to Toledo, 320 miles, \$177,720,000.

Replacing 7618 miles of gravel roads and worn-out concrete pavements, \$400,000,000.

The 9400-mile trunkline system carried 61 per cent of the traffic; received 53 per cent of the money spent.

State Payrolls

The growth of federal aid grants to Michigan, social security and otherwise, accounted last year for more than \$400,000 increase in state payrolls. Payroll expenditures for the past two years were as follows:

	1938	1939
Unemployment compensation	\$1,167,372	\$1,403,700
Employment service	1,114,034	1,300,980
Public health	429,192	477,947
Old Age pensions	658,266	639,216
Highway	4,527,063	4,376,115
	\$7,895,947	\$8,399,958

The increase in state payrolls for these federal aid activities for 1939 over 1938 was \$504,011.

The total increase of all state departments and institutions for 1939 over 1938 was \$329,719.

Otherwise, if it were not for the federal aid departments, Michigan would have shown a decrease in state payrolls last year instead of an increase. However, the same economy claim could have been made by the previous state administration.

For the year of 1938 alone the unemployment compensation payroll jumped from \$302,095 in the previous year to \$1,167,372; the employment service shot from \$29,022 to \$1,114,034.

Money and Votes

A fear that the spending of such vast sums of public money would lead to misuse of power by politicians in the interest of perpetuating themselves in public office led to the enactment of the Hatch act, affecting only federal employees.

Then Senator Hatch in the 1940 session proposed extension of the Hatch act, forbidding political activity by federal employees, to state departments which receive federal aid grants.

Under a general amendment to the Hatch act, adopted by the Senate under sponsorship of Senator Prentiss Brown, Van Wagoner would be permitted to run for governor in 1940 without resigning his present office. He would be permitted to take a leave of absence without pay during the campaign. His term as highway commissioner expires in 1942 when he would run for reelection, if he was not elected governor next November.

Thus the Hatch bill, designed to curb political control through spending of federal money, drives a further wedge into the widening gap between federal and state governments. States' rights already a fading principle would take still another setback. Federal spending is responsible.

### The Old BACKWOODS PHILOSOPHER Says:

'T be a free-born American is one uv th' greatest blessin's a man can wish fer. Yet how many there are uv us that take are liberty fer granted; as if it was somethin' we inherited that will remain unspoiled an' unchanged without further effort on our part! A lot uv us seem t' fergit that most ev'rythin' we enjoy that's worthwhile was won by hard work, th' spillin' uv human blood or some other form uv sacrifice, an' that only wisdom, tolerance, fer th' rights uv others an' eternal vigilance will preserve these things fer ourselves an' th' generations t' come.

Fer th' first time in all th' ages, th' most precious uv these American possessions, th' rights uv man—life, liberty an' th' pursuit uv happiness—was proclaimed t' all th' world in th' year 1776. In this proclamation, countersigned by th' Almighty, man first stood forth, free as th' air he breathed an' a king in his own right.

At a neighborly gatherin' th' other evenin' one feller happened t' remark what a shame it was that so many Americans seem t' have forgotten th' fundamental provisions uv th' Declaration uv Independence an' th' Bill uv Rights uv our Constitution an', instead uv doin' some direct refreshin' uv their minds, are too willin' t' listen t' politicians who are long on wind an' short on Americanism in their violations uv th' Constitution in their efforts t' "perfect" it.

Now mebbys uv fellers up here in th' sticks ain't got any business discussin' Constitutional law. We're told only trained lawyers're qualified t' do that. I'll admit th' point when it's applied t' th' interpretation uv enacted law, fer who in thunder can make heads er tails uv it except members uv th' same profession who made it so complicated that it affords a livin' fer their brethren in tellin' us what it's all about? But Constitutional law, that's different.

Us fellers who live in th' backwoods corners uv th' country got or mite uv learnin' in th' little frame an' log school houses at th' crossroads. We wasn't bothered much with high-soundin' phrases, an' that left ar brains clear fer straight thinkin'. We got th' fundamentals. In studyin' th' Constitution uv th' United States we learnt that it is fundamental. We learnt that it was written by fellers with few axes t' grind, an' consequently was written fer fellers like us t' understand. So why should any uv us shy at th' light task uv refreshin' ar minds on matters that so vitally concern all uv us?

Now most uv these folks who've been so careless about retainin' th' fundamental knowledge uv what it's all about? Then, an' then only, will Liberty live without threat uv extinction. Then, an' then only, will America survive as th' center uv liberty in a world torn by war an' under th' iron heel uv dictatorship, bidin' her time an' improvin' her institutions, ready t' stand as th' model fer world reconstruction when th' ways uv universal peace supplant th' infernal ways uv suppression an' destruction.

In th' meantime, Liberty must be lived here in its true meanin'.

—RIGHT! Realizin' this, what better way can we express ourselves than by heedin' these words uv Lowell:

"He's true t' God who's true t' man; wherever wrong is done, T' th' humblest an' th' weakest, 'neath th' all-beholdin' sun. That wrong is also done t' us, an' they are slaves most base. Whose love uv right is fer themselves an' not fer all their race."

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#### FOLLOW THE TIGERS WITH H. G. SALSINGER

If you enjoy keeping up with the progress of the Tigers in training at Lakeland, Florida, read the reports of H. G. Salsinger, sports editor and author of The Empire column. They are now appearing daily and Sunday in The Detroit News.

#### Doings of Our Gang Club

Our Gang was very nicely entertained by Mrs. Percy Budd last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Clise.

Sixteen members responded to Roll Call. Mrs. Cora Neal and Mrs. John Hanover were guests.

Election of officers for the ensuing six months was held at this time, with the following elected to office:

President—Mrs. Hurl Deckrow (Re-elected).

Vice Pres.—Mrs. Kenneth Clise.

Sec'y.—Mrs. William Williams.

Treas.—Mrs. Carl Larson (Re-elected).

Lecturer and Reporter—Mrs. Barton Waksley (Re-appointed).

Games followed with honors going to Mrs. Herbert Stephan, Mrs. Andrew Beck, Mrs. John Hanover, Mrs. Cora Neal, Mrs. Wm. Williams, Mrs. John Stephan and Mrs. Kenneth Clise.

The hostess and committee were responsible for the lovely Easter lunch.

Mrs. Larson made the beautiful March birthday cake for the birthday of Mrs. Wm. Brown who also received a lovely apron from the Club.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Andrew Beck, April 3rd, Wednesday, owing to the conflict of our regular date with the Home Extension Leaders meeting.

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said county, on the 27th day of March A. D. 1940.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Harry Hum, deceased.

Merle F. Nellist having filed in said court his final administration account, and petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate, to the lawful heirs thereof.

It is Ordered, That the 22nd day of April A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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#### DR. NEWTON COMING

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist of Alpena. Eyes tested and Glasses Fitted. Grayling, Michigan.

Dates: April 1 and April 15. Office completely equipped in Dr. Stealy and Dr. Cook's offices. Appointments can be made with Dr. Keyport & Clippert or Dr. S. Stealy.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED.

Take Notice, that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof, at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the lands lie of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with fifty per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, which fee shall be the same as provided by law for service of subpoenas or for orders of publication or the cost of such service by registered mail, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. Provided, That with respect to purchasers at the tax sale held in the years 1938, 1939 and 1940 the sum stated in such notice as a condition of reconveyance shall only be all sums paid as a condition of the tax title purchase, together with ten per centum additional thereto. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford,

Northwest quarter of North-west quarter, Sec. 25 Town 26 N., Range 3 W. Amount paid \$44.23 taxes for years 1927-1935 inclusive.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$48.85 plus the fees of the sheriff, Christopher R. King and Eugene King.

Place of business Grayling, Michigan.

To Linn B. Jessup and wife Sarah Bell Jessup, Detroit, Michigan, last grantees in the regular chain of title of such lands, or of any interest therein, as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county, at the date of the delivery of this notice to the Sheriff for service.

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#### THE LOWLY JACK PINE

The jack pine is found from Nova Scotia westward to British Columbia and south through New England to New York, Michigan, northern Illinois and central Minnesota. Its east and west range is 2,500 miles and its north and south extension is 1,500 miles. This tree is common in the northern part of Michigan, extending south along the lake shores to Grand Haven on the west and Port Austin on the east.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED.

Take Notice, that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof, at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the lands lie of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with fifty per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, which fee shall be the same as provided by law for service of subpoenas or for orders of publication or the cost of such service by registered mail, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. Provided, That with respect to purchasers at the tax sale held in the years 1938, 1939 and 1940 the sum stated in such notice as a condition of reconveyance shall only be all sums paid as a condition of the tax title purchase, together with ten per centum additional thereto. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford,

Southeast quarter, Sec. 24, Town 26 N., Range 3 W. Amount paid \$44.37 taxes for years 1932-1935 inclusive.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$48.85 plus the fees of the Sheriff, Christopher R. King and Eugene King.

Place of business Grayling, Michigan.

To William Semple, (Owner) Harrold Reid, (Mortgagee) last grantees in the regular chain of title of such lands, or of any interest therein, as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county, at the date of the delivery of this notice to the Sheriff for service.

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August 8, 1939 a windstorm struck Kent County, causing considerable damage. The above picture shows the wreck of a barn belonging to Chas. G. Phillips, section 4, Solon township, Kent County. A dead horse can be plainly seen in the foreground. This company promptly paid the loss.

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